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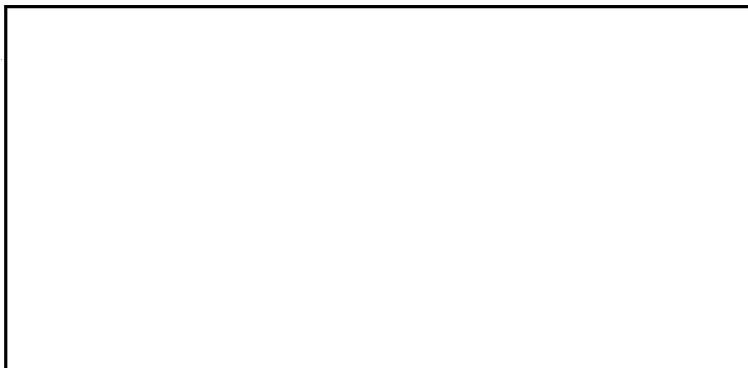
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**COMMENT ON PHIBUN'S STATEMENT
REGARDING THREAT FROM YUNNAN**

**I. Premier Phibun's allegation that a
20,000-man army under Pridi in southern
Yunnan is poised against Thailand
appears to be greatly exaggerated.**

**A. Pridi not connected with Thai
Autonomous Area in South Yunnan.**

**B. [REDACTED] "Free
Thai Movement" may be developing
in area, but only in incipient
stage.**



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E. 100 miles rugged, jungle-covered mountains separate south Yunnan from Thailand.

F. Best, and obvious, way to attack Thailand is through Laos.

II. Premier's statement undoubtedly intended to advance main Thai policy objectives.

A. Concrete Western guarantee of Thailand.

B. Formation of SEATO army and bases in Thailand.